

Annual Public Hearing under M.G.L. c.118G §6 ½
Health Care Provider and Payer Costs and Cost Trends
Agenda – Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Location: Joseph P. Healey Library
University Club, 11th Floor
University of Massachusetts Boston
100 Morrissey Blvd
Boston, MA 02125

9:00 A.M. Introductory Remarks

David Morales, Commissioner of the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy and
Chair of Hearings

9:15 A.M. Statements by Officials

10:15 A.M. Review of Analytic Findings from the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy

- Introduction and Context: Cindy Parks Thomas, Ph.D., Associate Research Professor, Brandeis University Schneider Institute for Health Policy
- Private Health Insurance Premium Trends: Dianna Welch, FSA, MAAA, Oliver Wyman Actuarial Consulting, Inc.
- Privately Insured Medical Claims Expenditures: Deborah Chollet, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

Moderator: Stanley S. Wallack, Ph.D., Professor and Executive Director of the Schneider Institutes for Health Policy, Heller School, Brandeis University

11:15 A.M. Review of Findings from the Division of Insurance

12:00 P.M. Expert Witness: “What is the cost of doing nothing?”

Len Nichols, Ph.D., Professor of Health Policy and Director of the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics at George Mason University, and Former Director of the Health Policy Program at New American Foundation

Moderator: Deborah Chollet, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

12:45 30-Minute Lunch Break

1:15 P.M. Review of Findings from Investigation into Health Care Cost trends and Cost Drivers

Martha Coakley, Massachusetts Attorney General

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2:15 P.M. Panel: Employer Experiences with Health Care Cost Trends

1. Peter Mongeau, Vice President, HR Shared Services, John Hancock Financial Services
2. Eric Michelson, Michelson's Shoes
3. Michael Widmer, President, Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation
4. Frank Romano, Chief Executive Officer, Essex Health Care
5. Alan MacDonald, Executive Director, Massachusetts Business Roundtable
6. Delia Vetter, Senior Director of Benefits, EMC Corporation

Moderator: Wayne Burton, Ph.D., President of North Shore Community College and Former Chair of the North Shore Chamber of Commerce

3:30 P.M. Panel: Consumer Experiences with Health Care Cost Trends

1. Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Executive Director, Health Care for All
2. Jessica Constantino, Director of Advocacy, AARP
3. Matt Selig, Executive Director, Health Law Advocates
4. Robert Restuccia, Executive Director, Community Catalyst, Inc.
5. Nancy Turnbull, Senior Lecturer on Health Policy and Associate Dean for Educational Programs, Harvard School of Public Health

Moderator: John Auerbach, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

4:45 PM Concluding Remarks

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9:15 A.M. Expert Witness: Creating the Framework for High Performing Organizations

Stephen Schoenbaum, M.D., M.P.H., Executive Vice President for Programs at The Commonwealth
Fund and Executive Director of its Commission on a High Performance Health System

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for Health Policy, Heller School, Brandeis University

10:15 A.M. Panel: Health Care Delivery System

1. Phil Gaziano, M.D., Medical Director, Hampden County Physician Associates, LLC
2. James Roosevelt, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer of Tufts Health Plan and Chairman of
the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans
3. Paul Levy, President, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
4. Institute for Healthcare Improvement - TBD
5. Jack Dutzar, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, Fallon Clinic
6. Barbra Rabson, Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Quality Partners
7. Mount Auburn Cambridge IPA - TBD

Moderator: Michael H. Bailit, M.B.A., President, Bailit Health Purchasing

12:30 30-Minute Lunch Break

1:00 P.M. Expert Witness: Understanding Cost Drivers in the Health Care System

Paul Ginsburg, Ph.D., President, Center for Studying Health System Change

Moderator: Stuart Altman, Ph.D., Sol C. Chaikin Professor of National Health Policy, Brandeis
University Heller School for Social Policy and Management

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2:00 P.M. Panel: Factors Contributing to Health Care Costs

1. Andrew Dreyfus, Executive Vice President of Health Care Service, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts
2. Mark Gaunya, President, Massachusetts Association of Health Underwriters
3. Nancy Kane, Professor of Management, Associate Dean for Educational Programs, Department of Health Policy and Management, Harvard School of Public Health, and Member of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
4. Thomas P. Glynn, Ph.D., Chief Operating Officer, Partners Healthcare
5. Dianne Anderson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Lawrence General Hospital
6. Dale Lodge, President and Chief Executive Officer, Winchester Hospital
7. Julie Pinkham, R.N., Executive Director, Massachusetts Nurses Association

Moderator: Nancy Turnbull, Senior Lecturer on Health Policy and Associate Dean for Educational Programs, Harvard School of Public Health

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9:00 A.M. Introductory Remarks

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9:15 A.M. Expert Witness: Market Reform Considerations to Reduce the Growth in Healthcare Spending
Stuart Altman, Ph.D., Sol C. Chaikin Professor of National Health Policy, Heller School for Social
Policy and Management, Brandeis University

Moderator: Alan Weil, J.D., M.P.P., Executive Director, National Academy for State Health Policy

10:00 A.M. Panel: Discussion of Strategies to Mitigate Health Care Cost Growth

1. Gary L. Gottlieb, M.D., M.B.A., President and Chief Executive Officer, Partners Healthcare
2. Ellen Zane, President and Chief Executive Officer, Tufts Medical Center
3. Richard Lopez, M.D., Chief Physician Executive, Atrius Health
4. Dolores Mitchell, Executive Director, Group Insurance Commission
5. Ralph de la Torre, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, Caritis Christi Health Care
6. Deb Enos, President and Chief Executive Officer, Neighborhood Health Plan
7. Local 1199/SEIU union - TBD

Moderator: Alan Weil, J.D., M.P.P., Executive Director, National Academy for State Health Policy

12:30 30-Minute Lunch Break

1:00 P.M. Public Testimony

TBD Concluding Remarks

David Morales, Commissioner, Division of Health Care Finance and Policy